MAY 2010



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TOWN ELECTION TUESDAY, MAY 4

All Voting at the Vienna **Community Center** Polls Open 6 a.m.-7 p.m.

ON THE BALLOT:

<u>Mayor</u> M. Jane Seeman

Town Council Laurie Genevro Cole Edvthe Frankel Kelleher Michael J. Polychrones

For election results, call the Vienna Newsline, 703-255-6333, about two hours after the polls close or visit www.viennava.gov

★Memorial Day★

Town Hall will be closed on Monday, May 31, for Memorial Day. Trash will be collected as usual that day for residents on the Monday route.

American Legion Post 180's Memorial Day ceremony will be held at Flint Hill Cemetery in Oakton beginning at 10 a.m. with a concert by the Vienna Community Band. The Legion Auxiliary will place flags on the graves of veterans at Flint Hill Cemetery and conduct its annual Poppy Promotion throughout Vienna during Memorial Day weekend, with proceeds going to veterans' hospitals in Virginia.

Free Storm Damage Brush Pickup

Due to the snow storms this past winter, the Town Council has agreed to a free one time only brush pickup for each residence in town, provided that the pickup is requested no later than May 15. To order your Special Pickup, call the Department of Public Works Special Pickup Line at 703-255-5727, or order the pickup online at www.vienna va.gov/Town Services/trash.htm#pickups.

Budget Hearing Scheduled May 10

At its May 10 meeting, the Town Council will hold a public hearing on the proposed Town budget for fiscal year 2010-2011. The meeting will begin at 8 p.m. in the Council Chamber at Town Hall. Copies of the proposed budget are available for review at Town Hall and Patrick Henry Library, and can be viewed online at www.viennava.gov. A "Budget in Brief" summary may be obtained free of charge at Town Hall, and the entire budget document may be purchased.

If Council considers it necessary, a final budget work session to discuss comments made at the public hearing will be held at 8:30 p.m. Monday, May 17.

At its June 7 meeting, Council will hold a public hearing on the proposed Town real estate tax rate for FY 2010-2011.

For more information, call the Administrative Services Office at 703-255-6350.

SEE PAGES 4 & 5 FOR INFORMATION ON THE FY 2011 TOWN BUDGET.

Public Works Week Open House

In celebration of National Public Works Week, the Vienna Department of Public Works will hold its annual open house at Northside Property Yard, 600 Mill St., N.E., on Thursday, May 20, from 2 to 6 p.m. All residents, school and scout groups, and others interested in seeing the facility and a display of Public Works vehicles and equipment are invited to attend.



Meet the Town employees who serve the community day and night in all kinds of weather maintaining the water and sewer system, picking up trash, repairing streets and sidewalks, collecting leaves, plowing snow, and many other essential services.

Light refreshments will be served, and there will be "hard hats," games, and other goodies for the kids. For more information, call 703-255-6381.

NEW IN TOWN? There's a welcome packet especially for new residents. Stop by Town Hall and pick one up, or call 703-255-6330 to have one mailed to you.

TOWN COUNCIL ACTION

All votes are unanimous unless noted otherwise

FEBRUARY 22, 2010

- Conducted a closed session to interview candidates for appointment to Town boards and commissions.
- Reappointed Arthur (Chad) Bishop to the Community Enhancement Commission and reappointed Roy Baldwin to the Board of Architectural Review, both for two-year terms.
- Placed the property at 214 Nutley St., N.W., on the Town's register of historic structures, sites and places.
- Adopted amendments to the Town Code concerning the Community Enhancement Commission.
- Referred the question of whether Northside Park should be designated a bird sanctuary to the Community Enhancement Commission for study and recommendation.

- Approved the extension of the center yellow lines down Locust Street, S.E., between Park and Glyndon Streets and narrowing the travel lanes to allow enough space for emergency vehicles to travel eastbound on Locust during peak rush hour periods.
- Approved a reduction of the public improvements bond for the 210 Charles St., S.E., and 305 Locust St., S.E., subdivision.
- Approved continuation of the contract with McCarthy Tire Service Co. of VA.

MARCH 1, 2010

- Conducted a closed session to interview candidates for appointment to Town boards and commissions.
- Accepted the sponsorship of Air Treatment Co. in the amount of \$18,000

for the 2010 July 4th fireworks display, Town Green concerts, and the Redskins Band in the Halloween Parade.

- Authorized the Mayor to sign a statement of support for the National Guard and Reserve.
- Accepted the resignation of Janet Beatey from the Community Enhancement Commission.
- Referred proposed amendments to the sign ordinance to the Planning Commission for a public hearing and recommendation.
- Authorized the Town staff to investigate the possibility of reinstating the Town's vehicle registration at a fee of \$33 per vehicle.

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TOWN OF VIENNA NEWSLETTER

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May 2010

VIENNA TOWN COUNCIL

M. Jane Seeman, Mayor

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Chief of Police	Col. Robert A. Carlisle	703-255-6390
Director of Public Works	Holly M. Chu, P.E.	703-255-6380

Send news to Vienna Newsletter c/o Town Hall. FAX 703-255-5722 e-mail pio@viennava.gov Deadline for the June issue is May 15.

Public Hearing to Consider Fall Elections

At its May 24 meeting, the Town Council will conduct a public hearing on possible changes to the Town's election process. The meeting will begin at 8 p.m. in Town Hall and all interested citizens are encouraged to attend.

Possible changes include:

- Move Town elections from May to November.
- Hold elections every two years instead of every year.
- Establish four-year rather than twoyear terms of office for the Mayor and Council members.

A number of jurisdictions in Virginia have already changed their elections from May to November.

"Vienna at Your Service" Features Black History and Cemeteries

Join Mayor Jane Seeman at the next "Vienna at Your Service" meeting on Tuesday, May 11, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at Town Hall.

Vienna native Ted Thomas will discuss African-American history in the community and the five historic cemeteries within the town limits.

Vienna at Your Service was designed to give citizens the opportunity to learn more about their community. Participants are asked to register with the Parks and Recreation Department. For more information, call 703-255-6360.

Ideas Wanted for Vienna at Your Service Programs

Mayor Seeman would like to receive citizen input on programs for the next series of Vienna at Your Service, which begins in September. Past programs have featured Town departments, boards and commissions, the volunteer fire department, police detectives, the budget and taxes, the Freeman House, Vienna Presbyterian Church, and the original town library. Suggestions may be e-mailed to the mayor at <code>jseeman@viennava.gov</code> or call 703-255-6310.

Can Your House Number Be Seen?

It's a life-threatening situation where police, fire or ambulance service is needed. You dial 911 and feel confident that help will soon be there. You hear the sirens coming and see the flashing lights reflecting off the trees. But wait, they did not stop. They went too far. Maybe they could not see your address.

According to the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department, one of the recurrent problems emergency personnel encounter when responding to calls is missing or hard (sometimes impossible) to read house numbers. Precious time is wasted looking for the location of an emergency because the address is not properly posted so it is visible and distinguishable from the street.

Try driving past your house during the day and again at night to see how easy your numbers are to read. Both the size and location of numbers are important. They should be large enough and placed so that they can be read from the center of the street going in both directions on the darkest night, in the worst of weather, and not obscured by shadows or hidden by foliage.

How does your house measure up to this checklist?

- Script writing may look appealing, but can you read it on a dimly lit street from a moving vehicle?
 - Are your house numbers large enough to be seen from the street?
 - Do the numbers contrast sharply with their background?
- If the house is some distance from the street or the view of the house is blocked by trees or shrubs, are your house numbers on a sign attached to a tree, fence, gate, or lawn stake near the street?
 - On a corner lot, do the house numbers face the street named in your address?
 - Are your house numbers illuminated or easily visible at night?

If you have questions about the proper method of posting your address for safety, call the Fire and Rescue Department at 703-246-3801.

No Curb Painting Allowed

From time to time residents receive offers to paint their house numbers on the curb. Not only have these solicitors failed to apply for a license, but they cannot legally paint the curb because it is technically Town property. If you receive such a solicitation, please call the Police Department's non-emergency number, 703-255-6366.

Hearing On Tysons Development May 25

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing on the proposed Plan Amendment for the Tysons Corner Urban Center on Tuesday, May 25, beginning at 4:30 p.m. in the Board Auditorium of the County Government Center.

The Plan Amendment and staff report may be viewed at: http://fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/comprehensiveplan/planamendments.htm.

The Vienna Town Council has expressed concern about the level of density being proposed for Tysons and related matters such as transportation, recreational facilities, and infrastructure. Vienna residents, organizations and businesses are encouraged to contact the Board of Supervisors and express their views. Citizens who wish to speak at the May 25 hearing can sign up online at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/bosclerk/speaker_bos.htm or call 703-324-3151.

Recycle Motor Oil, Antifreeze, Batteries

The next quarterly recycling day for used motor oil, antifreeze, car batteries and is Saturday, June 5, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Northside Property Yard, 600 Mill St., N.E. (entrance at the dead end of the street). For more information, call 703-255-6381.

Here's a Frequently Asked
Recycling Question:
Where can I recycle CF bulbs?
(compact fluorescent light bulbs)

Here's the Answer:

CF bulbs are accepted for recycling at any Home Depot store.

Look for the collection barrel just inside the front door.

Find out where to recycle specific items at www.earth911.com.



A Look at the Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2010-2011

MESSAGE FROM THE TOWN MANAGER

The ability of the Town of Vienna to weather economic downturns is a result of our history of preparing realistic revenue projections and continually monitoring expenditures throughout the year. Another factor is that as a Town, we are not responsible for schools or social services, two areas where state cutbacks have hurt counties and independent cities. The Town has also maintained a history of conservative spending even during economic growth, and thus our budgets level the peaks and valleys that occur in the national and regional economies.

We were cognizant of the fact that assessments would decline yet again, so our instructions to departments advised that no new programs, services or employees should be proposed. We also included no step increases or market adjustment in the proposed budget. We have, however, budgeted funds to absorb the increase in health insurance premiums for employees that will take effect on July 1, 2010. By doing this our employees will not see a reduction in their net pay during the 2010-11 fiscal year.

For 2010 the average existing residential assessment *decreased* by 5.47% over 2009 while the average existing commercial assessment *decreased* by 17.75%. The Town did have new construction of just over \$24 million during 2009 both in the residential and commercial areas. As of January 1, 2010 the percentage ratio of residential value to commercial value in Town is 78/22 versus a 76/24 ratio in 2009, reflecting the decline in commercial assessments.

As was our practice for the 2009-10 fiscal year we took a very conservative approach towards our revenue forecasting with overall General Fund revenues seen as declining slightly from FY 09-10 levels. The FY 2010-11 budget is based on a real estate tax rate of 24.91ϕ per \$100 of assessed valuation, which represents an increase of 2.10ϕ from the FY 2009-10 tax rate.

Expenditures for the Water & Sewer Fund total \$6,602,770, a decrease of \$14,465 or .22%. Based on our revenue projections it will be necessary to increase both the water and sewer rates for the first time in three years. The proposed budget is based on increasing water rates by 22ϕ per 1,000 gallons, and sewer rates by 46ϕ per 1,000 gallons for all users. For the average user, the proposal would increase the quarterly utility bill by \$12.92 or 14ϕ per day. We have estimated that 15ϕ of the proposed increase is attributable to the planned valuation study to be started in the late summer/early fall of this year. We continue to pursue a long-term wholesale water agreement as well as examining any proposals for an alternative means of providing utility services to our residents and out-of-town customers.

I invite you to read the entire budget message and proposed budget. The budget is available for public review at Town Hall and Patrick Henry Library, and online at *www.viennava.gov*. We also have a tax calculator widget on the Web site so that citizens can compute their actual Town taxes for 2010-11 versus the 2009-10 rate. Citizens are also encouraged to attend the public hearing on the budget, scheduled for the Town Council meeting on Monday, May 10, beginning at 8 p.m. in the Council Chamber at Town Hall.

Sincerely,

John 74. Schoeberlein

John H. Schoeberlein, Town Manager

FY 2010-11 BUDGET IN BRIEF

GENERAL FUND

REVENUES		EXPENDITURES	
REVENUES Property Tax (24.91¢ per \$100 of asses Other Local Taxes Permits, Fees & Licenses Fines & Forfeitures Use of Money & Property Parks & Recreation Fees Special Services Fees Miscellaneous Revenues Categorical Aid Interfund Transfers	\$ 8,775,671 seed valuation) 6,445,200 87,300 290,200 221,500 705,000 3,400 65,850 1,933,844 962,000	Legislative Administration Finance Department Police Department Public Works Department Tax Relief Parks & Recreation Department Planning & Zoning Department Transfers & Reserves PC Replacement Equipment Replacement	736,539 296,481 48,000 440,054
Use of Prior Year Reserves TOTAL	1,250,000 \$20,739,965	TOTAL	\$20,739,965

WATER & SEWER FUND

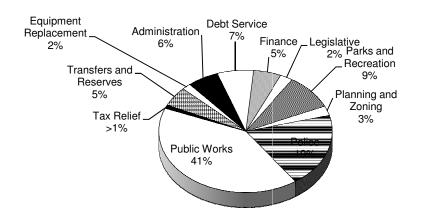
<u>REVENUES</u>		<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	
Use of Money	\$ 4,400	Water Services	\$2,623,571
Water & Sewer Charges	6,517,770	Meter Maintenance & Reading	454,797
Miscellaneous Revenues	80,600	Billing/Customer Service	172,041
TOTAL	\$6,602,770	Sewer Services	2,097,934
		Transfers	1,203,728
		Equipment Replacement	50,699
		TOTAL	\$6,602,770

DEBT SERVICE FUND

REVENUES Other Local Taxes Use of Money Interfund Transfers	\$1,576,900 12,000 241,728	EXPENDITURES Administrative Costs Debt Service TOTAL	\$ <u>1,97</u> \$1,97	900 <u>8,045</u> 8,945
Use of Prior Year Surplus	148,317			
TOTAL	\$1.978.945			

TOTAL BUDGET FOR ALL FUNDS \$29,321,680

TOTAL DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES



Budget Preparation and Adoption

The Code of the Town of Vienna requires that by July 1 of each year, the Vienna Town Council adopt by ordinance a budget establishing the tax rate for the incoming year. Estimated revenues must be equivalent to estimated expenditures. It is mandated in the Code that the fiscal year begin on July 1 and end on June 30.

At least one public hearing must be held on the budget prior to its adoption. Seven days prior to this hearing, the Town Clerk must publish a notice of Council's intention to hold such an event. The budget cannot be adopted at the same meeting at which the public hearing is held. Two notices, again at least seven days apart, must then be published in a paper of general circulation announcing Council's intention to adopt the budget. Following this advertisement, Council may then adopt the budget. After this action is taken, the Town Clerk publishes the final notice of adoption.

The Town of Vienna's budget process begins in January of each year when Council presents to the staff its budget priorities for the upcoming year. Citizens who have suggestions about what items should be given priority for funding are encouraged to express their views in writing to the Town Manager. In addition, non-profit Vienna organizations may apply for donations of Town funds.

The Town Manager then prepares and submits to the Town Council his proposed budget, and copies are made available to the public. This year, budget work sessions were scheduled for April 12, 17 and 26. The public hearing on the proposed budget will be held at the Town Council meeting on May 10, which begins at 8 p.m. in the Council Chamber at Town Hall. If Council considers it necessary, a final budget work session to discuss comments made at the public hearing will be held on May 17. A separate hearing on the proposed tax rate will be held on June 7. Adoption of the budget is scheduled for the June 21 Council meeting.

NEWS FROM VIENNA PARKS & REC

For more information about any of the activities listed below, call the Vienna Parks and Recreation Department at 703-255-6360 or visit www.viennava.gov. All activities are held at the Vienna Community Center unless stated otherwise.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Final performances of the Vienna Theatre Company's production of "A Grand Night for Singing" will be May 1, 7 and 8 at 8 p.m. and May 2 at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$14 general admission and \$12 for students and senior citizens (65 and older).

Writing Your Personal History Symposium is scheduled for Thursday, May 6, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Four workshops will feature presentations by novelists, journalists, oral storytellers and others along with audience discussion and writing exercises. The cost for the symposium is \$20 per person, and advance registration is required. A box lunch may be ordered for an additional \$6.50.

Enjoy a favorite family movie outdoors at Glyndon Park on Friday, May 28, beginning at dusk (around 8 p.m.). Admission is free. Bring lawn chairs or blankets

for seating. Parents are required to stay with their children during the movie. For information about which film will be shown, call 703-255-7842 after noon on May 26 and for weather information on the day of the show.

Family Skate Night will be held on Fridays through June 11, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. (no skating May 7). Admission is \$1 per person. Bring your own roller skates or in-line skates and safety equipment. Parents are required to stay with their children and are welcome to participate.

TEEN PROGRAMS

The following activities are free of charge for students in grades 6-8:

Celebrate Hawaii with a luau at 4 p.m. Friday, May 7. There won't be any flaming tiki torches, but there will be lots of fun for all.

Go fly a kite at 4 p.m. Wednesday, May 12. It's up, up and away at the teen center's kite-flying contest!

Blueberry cheesecake is one of the Club Phoenix staff's favorites. Help to make (and eat) this yummy dessert at 4 p.m. Thursday, May 27.

SPORTS & FITNESS

Fitness Day on the Town Green for all ages will be held on Saturday, May 22. Wear your workout attire and join fitness and wellness instructors leading classes and special activities, including Total Fitness Aerobics, Zumba Latin Aerobics, Hula Hoop Dance, and Hatha Yoga. Free of charge. Look for details in the summer brochure.

<u>MANAGING YOUR MONEY</u> & YOUR ESTATE

The Five-step Estate Plan will be presented on Monday, May 10, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Attorney David Hoffman will discuss wills, trusts, taxes, and probate in easy-to-understand terms. Free of charge; no advance registration required.

POTPOURRI

Women's self-defense class, commonly known as R.A.D. (Rape Aggression Defense), will be offered by the Vienna Police Department May 10, 12, 17 and 19 from 7 to 10 p.m. The program is designed for the average woman with no previous experience or background in physical skills training. Escape and response techniques are demonstrated in practical scenarios as well as ways to reduce the risk of becoming a victim. The fee for all four sessions is \$5 for town residents plus a \$15 materials fee.

Dining skills and etiquette for adults will be held on Saturday, May 22, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Topics will include American and continental eating styles, duties of hosts and guests, and many other dos and don'ts. The cost is \$40 for town residents.

Photo Contest Winners Announced

Congratulations to the winners of the 2010 amateur photography contest, held March 20 and 21 at the Vienna Community Center. Mark Roth received the Best in Show award, and Rebecca Toser won the People's Choice award. Other winners are listed below.

First Place – Pat Worley, Mark Roth, Loma Mier, Laura Howell, Patricia Deege, Ana Gross, Nicholas G. Studzinski, Brian Mitchell

Second Place – Dennis Govoni, Vicky Eicher, Dennis Tarnay, Jr., Joan Axilbund
 Third Place – Karen Lykke, Penelope Firth, Seymour Kaitlin, Holly Chu
 Honorable Mention – Jenevieve Lenz, Austin Lastowka, Robert Lavey, Sheila
 Cunningham, Amy Carlini, Jon Carr, Becky Kohlbrenner

For student photographers, the winners are:

First Place – Brianna Crane – Oakton High School, Suzannah Trainer – Paul VI Catholic High School, Eileen Coxe – Madison High School, Alex Sandlin – Marshall High School, Steven Shelesky – Madison High School, Brittani Getch – Chantilly High School, Ethan Leavitt – Thoreau Middle School

Second Place – Rachel McKeen – Madison High School, Christine Heubusch – Paul VI Catholic High School, Michael Hill – Thoreau Middle School, Robert Williams – Marshall High School, Kate Campbell – Madison High School

Third Place – Spencer Miller – Thoreau Middle School, Catherine Blake – Madison High School, Rebecca Toser – Marshall High School

Honorable Mention – James Trent – Home Schooled, Skyler Abriola – Kilmer Middle School, Christopher Collins – The Potomac School

Vienna Parks and Recreation thanks photo show judges Wayne Wolfersberger, NVPS, Erwin Siegal, NVPS, and Joshua Taylor, Jr., Archiphoto Workshops and also the Vienna Photographic Society for assisting with the show.

Summer On The Green

Free Performances at the Vienna Town Green.
Bring chairs or blankets. Leave pets at home.
No alcoholic beverages permitted.
In case of rain, call the Weather Line, 703-255-7842,
two hours before the event.

FRIDAYS AT 6:30 P.M.

May 14 – Bill Emerson and Sweet Dixie Sponsored by Navy Federal Credit Union

> May 21 – Splinters – Rock Sponsored by Govan Builders

> > June 4 – Alchemy

June 11 - Annapolis Bluegrass

June 18 – Sunny Daze

June 25 – Fat Chance Sponsored by Whole Foods

July 9 – Four Star Combo – Rockabilly & Honkytonk Sponsored by Windows Plus

July 16 - Angela Hayes Quartet -Jazz Vocals Sponsored by Northwest Federal Credit Union

July 23 – U.S. Navy Band Cruisers

July 30 – Cravin Dogs – Rock

August 6 - U.S. Navy Band Sea Chanters

August 13 – Elise Kress – Celtic

SATURDAY AT NOON

May 15 - James Madison High School Jazz Band

OPEN MIC NIGHT SATURDAYS AT 6:30 P.M.

May 22
June 26
July 24
Sponsored by Plaka Grill
August 21

SUNDAYS AT 6:30 P.M.

May 16 - U.S. Navy Country Current

May 23 – Marshall Artz – Acoustic Sponsored by Michele D'Andrea

June 6 – Cletus and Lori – Folk Sponsored by Air Treatment

June 13 – Kingsley Winter Band – Rock Sponsored by West Group

June 20 – Randy Barrett Mama Tried – Bluegrass Sponsored by Business Bank of Virginia

June 27 – Richard Walton

July 11 – Blaskapelle Alte Kamerader

July 18 – Tonics – Blues-Rock

July 25 – Vienna Community Band

August 1 - Difficult Run Jazz Band Sponsored by Air Treatment

August 8 – Dagmar and the Seductones

August 15 – Wayne Tympanick Quartet

WEDNESDAYS AT 6:30 P.M.

July 7 – Susan Savia

July 14 – Sue Swanner – Soulful Blues

July 21 – Doc Dikeman Jazz Ensemble

Sponsored by PT Cottage

HAPPENINGS AROUND OUR TOWN

Bring your e-waste to ViVa! Vienna! A collection center, sponsored by Navy Federal Credit Union, will be open in the James Madison High School parking lot Sunday, May 30, and Monday, May 31, from 12 noon to 6 p.m. Free parking and shuttle bus service will be available to take you to the ViVa! Vienna! town festival on Church Street. Accepted items include computers, keyboards, mice, cathode ray tubes (crts), monitors, modems, telephone boards, hard drives, floppy drives, cd-roms, phones, fax machines, telecommunications hardware, printers, computer boards, cpus, memory chips, circuit boards, connecting wires and cables. TVs are not accepted at this event.

Vienna Farmers Market, located in the caboose parking lot on Church Street, will begin a new season on May 1. The first 50 customers will receive a special gift. The market, operated by the Optimist Club of Greater Vienna, will be open from 8 a.m. to 12 noon each Saturday through October (closed May 29). Booth space is available for nonprofit groups. For more information, visit www.viennafarmers market.com or call 703-200-7806.

What's on your mind? Every month, alternating between Patrick Henry Library in Vienna and the Reston Regional Library, you are invited to share any concern you may have on any issue with Hunter Mill District Supervisor Cathy Hudgins. First Monday sessions are from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Walk-ins are welcome, or schedule an appointment by calling the Hunter Mill District office at 703-478-0283. The next First Monday will be held May 3 at Patrick Henry Library.

Volunteer drivers and helpers are needed by the Committee for Helping Others (CHO) to deliver furniture to needy families in our area. A commercial driver's license (CDL) is required; if you don't have one, CHO can train you. Helpers assist in loading the truck. The time commitment is flexible; a few hours a month is typical. For more information about the furniture program, contact Dan Larkins at 703-281-7847 or danlarkins@verizon.net. To donate furniture, call 703-281-7614.

Ayr Hill Garden Club plant sale, will be held on Saturday, May 8, from 8 a.m. to noon at the Vienna Town Green. Plants will be locally grown and known to thrive in our area. Proceeds will support the public gardens in Vienna that the club maintains, including the garden at Maple Avenue and the WO&D Trail and the children's garden along the trail near the railroad station.

Book collection is underway for Historic Vienna Inc.'s annual sale at the Freeman House, 131 Church St., N.E. Please, no magazines, newspapers, *National Geographic*, textbooks, encyclopedias, or *Reader's Digest* condensed books. Receipts for tax purposes may be obtained during regular business hours, Wednesday through Saturday from noon to 4 p.m. and Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m. Books may be left on the front porch any time. The sale is scheduled for June 12 and 13. For more information or to volunteer to help with the sale, call 703-938-5187.

Vienna Quilters Unlimited will hold their 2010 auction on Tuesday, May 18, at the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department, 400 Center St., S. The preview begins at 6:30 p.m. and bidding at 7 p.m. Bid on quilts, craft items, local services, and gift baskets. Admission is free with refreshments available for purchase. For more information, contact Diane Dresdner, *ddresd ner@cox.net*, or Cheryl Miller, 703-938-2988.

"Think Spring," the Vienna Arts Society's spring show featuring paintings, sculptures, photos and combinations of art pieces, will be held May 3-30 at the Vienna Art Center, 115 Pleasant St., N.W. Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday. A reception and awards ceremony is scheduled on Thursday, May 6, from 7 to 9 p.m. For more information, call 703-319-3971 or visit www.viennaartssociety. org.

Your old magazines and paperback books (no hard covers) are welcomed by detainees at the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center through the Literacy Project, sponsored by the Daughters of the American Revolution, Fairfax County Chapter. Regular donors may leave publications in sturdy plastic bags at the usual location on the last Tuesday of each month from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. (Be sure to remove mailing labels from magazines.) First-time donors may call Florence Roseborough at 703-281-2498 for information.

Vienna Choral Society will present music from classic Disney fairy tales highlighting the culture, language and character of the princesses at 4 p.m. Saturday, May 22, at Vienna Baptist Church, 541 Marshall Rd., S.W. (postponed from February). The program will feature youth soloists and multilingual narration. Tickets are \$18 for adults, \$14 for seniors and students, and free for children under age eight. Tickets are available online at *vien nachoralsociety.org* or call 703-255-5508.

This month at Patrick Henry Library – A representative from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, in partnership with Sen. Mark Warner's office, will discuss the naturalization process at 2 p.m. May 8. Joanna and Bruno Walker will show slides of their five-week trek through Nepal at 2 p.m. May 15. The global financial crisis and its effects will be the topic of the Great Decisions roundtable discussion at 2 p.m. May 25. To register for these free programs, visit the library or call 703-938-0405.

"Great Strides" walk for cystic fibrosis will begin at 11:30 a.m. Sunday, May 16, at the Town Green to raise awareness of this life-threatening genetic disease and to raise funds for research. The 3-mile stroll along the W&OD Trail will be followed by food, music, and family activities. For more information, call 703-255-3985 or visit www.cff.org/Chapters/metro dc/GREATSTRIDES.

Multi-family yard and bake sale, sponsored by Boy Scout troop 1539, will be held rain or shine on Saturday, May 8, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the parking lot at Vienna Aquatic Club, 625 Marshall Rd., S.W. The sale will feature toys, furniture, clothes, household items, video games and baked goods.

Vienna/Oakton Vision Resources Group will meet at 10:15 a.m. Thursday, May 20, at Patrick Henry Library. Anyone interested in resources for the visually impaired is welcome. For more information or transportation, call Steve Sedgwick, 703-255-0515, or Rhoda Stevens, 703-281-9679.

Are you afraid to get up and speak in front of others? You are not alone, but Toastmasters can help you overcome your fears in a fun and friendly atmosphere. Vienna Toastmasters will meet at the Vienna Community Center May 12 and 26 at 7:30 p.m. For more information, call Jim Tompkins at 703-201-6555 or visit http://vienna tmcfreetoasthost.ws.

Western Fairfax Youth Forum (for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or questioning youth in grades 7-12) and the Western Fairfax PFLAG (Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays) support groups will meet on Tuesday, May 4, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at the Unitarian-Universalist Congregation of Fairfax, 2709 Hunter Mill Rd. in Oakton. For more information, contact Carol Lewis at *poplewis@hotmail.com*.

Encompass Design Build will host a free seminar on Thursday, May 20, from 7 to 9 p.m. at its office, 211 Mill St., N.E. Learn how to organize your garage, featuring Econize Closets, to make it more spacious and efficient. RSVP to Jodi at 703-242-9818.

Sonatas by Bach, Beethoven and Mozart will be featured in a concert by violinist Dr. Rami Kanaan with pianist Bettye Cooley at 7 p.m. Saturday, May 15, at Oakton Church of the Brethren, 10025 Courthouse Rd. Free admission; donations accepted. For more information go to www.oaktonbrethren.org or call 703-281-4411.

All-you-can-eat breakfast buffet at American Legion Post 180, 330 Center St., N., includes a full menu of breakfast items plus omelets to order. The buffet will be open on Sunday, May 16, from 8 a.m. to noon. The cost is \$7 for adults and \$3 for children 12 and under. Park at the rear of the building and enter on the second level. The buffet is hosted by Auxiliary Unit 180. To reserve seating for parties of eight or more, call Janet Renner at 703-625-5736.



New Public Information Officer Appointed

Town Manager John Schoeberlein has announced the appointment of Kirstyn Barr as Vienna's new Public Information Officer. She succeeds Marie Kisner, who is retiring after 33 years as the Town's PIO.

Barr, 27, currently serves as Community Relations/Communications Specialist for the City of Newport News, VA. A native of that city, she received a BA degree from Christopher Newport University. While working for the city government for the last five years, Barr earned a Masters degree in public administration from Old Dominion University in Norfolk.

Barr was selected from among 91 applicants. "We were extremely impressed with her experience and education and what she already knew about Vienna," said Town Manager Schoeberlein, "and she will be the point person in expanding our public outreach via electronic media."

Barr will assume her new duties on June 1.

Dedicated Volunteers Help Keep Northside Free of Invasives

A dedicated group of Vienna volunteers is meeting again this spring to help remove invasive plants from Northside Park. The group is coming up on its one-year anniversary and invites new members to join in its efforts. Meetings are held seasonally for group work days, and individuals also have volunteered to adopt areas of Northside Park where they can remove invasive plants all year round at their convenience. In addition to removing the invasives, the group assisted with the planting of native shrubs, trees and flowers last month.

Invasive plants are plants that are not native to an area but were somehow introduced. One way that many invasive plants are introduced to natural areas is by spreading from nearby gardens. Many plants sold in nurseries are invasive, and it is wise to check before purchasing a plant to add to your yard. Once invasive plants become established, they spread rapidly over large areas of the landscape, choking out native plants that support our local wildlife. To learn more about the most invasive plants in our area as well as information about native plants, visit www.dcr.virginia.gov/natural_heritage/invspinfo.shtml.

Please consider joining the group for a work day to learn more about invasive plants and to help preserve the natural beauty of Northside Park. Contact Cathy Salgado at *csalgado@viennava.gov* for more information.

Vienna Named Tree City USA

For the ninth consecutive year, the Town of Vienna has been named a Tree City USA community by the Arbor Day Foundation to honor its commitment to urban forestry.

Four standards must be met to become a Tree City USA community: having a tree board or department, a tree care ordinance, a comprehensive community forestry program, and an Arbor Day observance and proclamation.

The Tree City USA program is sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation in cooperation with the National Association of State Foresters and the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Forest Service. Information can be found at www.arborday.org/Tree CityUSA.

Have Fun with Your Dogs This Spring, but Keep Them Safe

Tips provided by Rudy's Friends Dog Training

Dog owners look forward to getting outdoors with their pets in the spring, but be aware that there are plants in our area that are toxic to dogs, including daffodil, philodendron, rhododendron, wisteria, periwinkle, morning glory, azalea, elephant ears, hens and chicks, tulip and hydrangea. For a more detailed list, visit www.aspca.org/toxicplants and www.ThePoop.com.

Cocoa mulch is very harmful to dogs and may be fatal. It has a fine texture and a sweet smell that is attractive to curious canines. This mulch contains theobromine and caffeine just as in chocolate.

Everyone has spring fever and is ready for a car ride. It is highly recommend that dogs *do not* ride in the front seat. They can quickly become a huge distraction and cause the driver to have an accident. Windows are another issue. A dog may enjoy having his head hanging out of the window and catching a breeze but would you allow a child to ride that way? Debris and wind can cause damage to the dog's eyes and ears. Your dog may also fall out of the car.

Welcome New Businesses

The following business licenses were issued in March:

Apprentice Systems *consultant* 921 Park St., S.E. 330-283-0164

Xinbo Hu, CPA certified public accountant 212 Park Terrace Ct., S.E. #75 703-785-5724

Kerry Nikolich *massage therapy* 354 Maple Ave., W. 571-331-1276

Reflexology and Beyond reflexology 243 Church St., N.W. #100B 703-849-8422

Sunroot Studio online sales 210 Park Terrace Ct., S.E. #61 703-216-5354

SHOP IN VIENNA Support Our Hometown Merchants

Some Vienna businesses celebrating milestone anniversaries in 2010 include: 30 years – Guarantee Shoe Repair; 20 years – Khaldoon I. Hilmi, MD, Law Office of Robert Taylor; 10 years – Dastvan, Inc., David M. Wiedeman, DKL International, Evolution Health & Fitness.

Street Sweeping Ends in May

Spring street sweeping wraps up this month. The town has been divided into eight sections for cleaning, and residents are requested not to park on the street during the scheduled time for their section to allow the street sweeper to do a thorough job. As the time for each section approaches, signs are placed on streets as a reminder, and residents can also call 703-255-6381 for information.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
All meetings are held at Vienna Town Hall at 8 p.m. unless noted otherwise	Trash pickup first collection day, curbside recycling second collection day each week		·		1	
2	3	Town Election Windover Heights Board of Review 7:30 p.m.	5	6	7	8
9 Mother's Day	Town Council (includes public hearing on FY 2011 budget)	Mayor's Advisory Committee "Vienna at Your Service"	12 Planning Commission	Town/Business Liaison Committee 7 p.m.	14	15 Armed Forces Day
16	Town Council budget work session 8:30 p.m.	18	Board of Zoning Appeals	Bicycle Advisory Committee Board of Architectural Review	21	22
23	24 Town Council	Transportation Safety Commission	26 Planning Commission	Community Enhancement Commission 7:30 p.m.	28	ViVa! Vienna! town festival on Church St. through May 31
31	31 Memorial Day Town Hall closed				20	

POLICE FIRE & RESCUE EMERGENCY 911

(Voice & TDD)

VIENNA POLICE DIRECT

703-938-4900 (Voice) **703-255-5730** (TDD) NON-EMERGENCY **703-255-6366** (Voice) **703-255-5730** (TDD)

COMMUNITY CENTER

703-255-6360 (Voice) 703-255-5739 (TDD) 120 Cherry St., S.E. Vienna, Virginia 22180

VIENNA TOWN HALL

703-255-6300 (Voice) 703-255-5735 (TDD) 127 Center Street, South Vienna, Virginia 22180-5799 Business Hours Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. PRSRT STD U.S. POSTAGE PAID Vienna, Va. Permit No. 36

The Town of Vienna does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the admission or access to, or treatment or employment in, its programs or activities. The Director of Public Works has been designated to coordinate compliance with the non-discrimination requirements.

This document will be made available in large print or on audio cassette upon request. Call 703-255-6330, TDD 703-255-5735.

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This Month in History

from the Vienna Newsletter archives

MAY 2000 – The Town Council has approved "Vision Project Number 1" at 144 Church St., N.W. as the first development in the year-old Pedestrian Commercial Zone, which was created to enhance the appearance and economic vitality of businesses in the historic Church Street commercial corridor between Lawyers Road and Mill Street. It is hoped the project will be the first in a series of "Vision" developments.

MAY 1990 – Conceptual plans for the Church Street Revitalization Project will be available for public review and comment on May 15 at Town Hall. The project, financed by Fairfax County bond funds, includes the section of Church Street between Lawyers Road and Park Street. Plans call for relocation of utility lines to the rear of the lots, installation of brick sidewalks, planting of trees and other landscaping, and possibly gas street lights.

MAY 1980 – The annual Vienna Invitational Charity Ball, sponsored by the Vienna Woman's Club and the Vienna Policemen's Association, will be held at Westwood Country Club May 3. The cost of \$34 per couple includes a buffet, setups, and dancing to the music of "The Family." Mary Fahy and Sgt. Joe Tavares are again co-chairmen of the ball. All proceeds are used for community projects.

MAY 1970 – Young people from all of the local high schools and intermediate schools will take part in Project Concern's "Walk for Mankind" to aid medical facilities in underdeveloped areas. The walk, scheduled for May 17, is sponsored by the Vienna Jaycees.

Mayor Urges Citizens to "Buy Vienna"

Dear Vienna shoppers,

May is Business Appreciation Month in the Commonwealth of Virginia. The Town Council values our Vienna businesses and we are happy to have this opportunity to urge everyone to "Buy Vienna."

Whether you are seeking goods or services of any kind, please look to Vienna businesses first. Our varied and unique businesses are what make Vienna such a small-town experience when shopping.

During the month of May and all through the year support and show appreciation for our local businesses. Remember, "Buy Vienna."

> Sincerely, M. Jane Seeman, Mayor

INFORMATION 24 HOURS A DAY Vienna Newsline – 703-255-6333 www.viennava.gov